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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" They are rifles, muskets, revolvers, cartridges and Bren guns which may be used by good people in defence and by bad people in offence."

Nutrition Research Laboratory, Coonoor.

* 40 *Q.*—DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any analysis into the composition of the common articles of food as well as certain cooked food in the South Indian diet has been carried out in the Nutrition Research Laboratory, Coonoor;

(*b*) if so, whether these findings are published in the Press for the information of the public both in English and in the regional languages as well as made available for the teachers and students in the high schools and colleges;

(*c*) whether the Government have given effect to these findings in arranging the diets for the patients in Government Hospitals and for the students in Government Boarding Homes; and if not, why; and

(*d*) whether the Government have accepted the decision of the All-India Medical Council to shift the Nutrition Research Laboratory to Hyderabad?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Nutrition Research Laboratories are not under the control of this Government. But in Health Bulletin No. 23 published by the Government of India, information bearing on the nutritive value of Indian foods and the planning of satisfactory diets has been given on the basis of analysis carried out in the laboratories. This bulletin has not been translated or republished in the regional languages of South India.

" (*c*) The Nutrition Officer in charge of the Central Nutrition Bureau of this State and the Regional Nutrition Health Officers have been giving effect to these findings in a small way in localized areas. Work is confined to hospitals and other boarding institutions where it is possible to plan out diets and ensure that properly balanced diets are provided subject of course to the limitations of finance.

" As regards the diets for patients in the hospitals, the matter requires a little more thought as the planning of diets for the healthy population or slightly under-nourished population is not the same as the planning of diet for the sick and suffering. It is expected that the Nutrition Bureau will be in a position to undertake this work after it has been reorganized in accordance with the proposals included in the Budget under new schemes. Suitable action will be taken after the Budget is voted.

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"(*d*) As indicated in the answers to Clauses (*a*) and (*b*), the Nutrition Research Laboratories are not under the control of this Government. They are under the control of Indian Council of Medical Research. The action taken by this Government is confined to persuasion and this Government have no means of compelling the Indian Council of Medical Research to retain the laboratories in Madras State."

DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—"Is any Nutrition Officer paid by this State Government working under the Director of Public Health?" 4–20 p.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Yes, Sir. There is the Central Nutrition Bureau and there are two Regional Nutrition Sections working under him."

DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—"May I know, Sir, whether in the interests of the health of the citizens, the Government will carry out the suggestions mentioned in the question?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Yes, Sir; as I said, there is a proposal to reorganize the Nutrition Bureau and there will be expansion of the activities of the Nutrition sections of the Health Department."

Rural Water-supply Scheme.

*41 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of wells taken up under Rural Water-supply Scheme during each of the last three years;

(*b*) the number of well works out of the above abandoned for failure to tap water after reasonable excavation, and the expenditure incurred on such items;

(*c*) the authorities who inspect the well-sites under the Rural Water-supply Scheme; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to appoint a State Water Diviner for the above purpose?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) The well works undertaken are as follows:—

Year. (1)	Number of works. (2)
1949–50	5,421
1950–51	6,661
1951–52	7,636 (excluding Kurnool in respect of which district figures have not been received yet).